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his bride. Masinissa's agony of soul was terrible, but at last he despatched a secret messenger to Sophonisba with a draught of poison, and the message that being no longer able to protect her, he sent her means of saving herself from becoming a Roman captive. Sophonisba received the messenger graciously, and did not hesitate to swallow the poison, but remarked as she did so: "Not unwillingly do I accept my husband's nuptial gift, but I should have preferred not to have my funeral occur on the

same day as my wedding." Masinissa continued in the Roman service, and recovering his kingdom lived in great prosperity to an extreme old age.

Part of the story is also illustrated in a tapestry at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and in one now on exhibition at the Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo, lent by Mr. Willoughby H. Stuart, Jr., of Boston. The design of the tapestry before us is by Rubens, and his original color sketch is in the Detroit Museum, I am told, with an incorrect title.

### TAPESTRY EXHIBITION AND LECTURES

AT the Avery Library of Columbia University, there is an important and interesting exhibition of French and Flemish tapestries, assembled and arranged by Mr. George Leland Hunter, author of the standard book on tapestries and lecturer on tapestries and furniture at the Metropolitan Museum. Among the tapestries shown are one very early Gothic, five splendid Gobelins, two American Portiers in the style of the Gobelins and after Boucher, two remarkably perfect Louis XIV verdure woven in Brussels, and a number of extraordinarily large and beautiful Renaissance pieces. Especially noteworthy among the Renaissance tapestries is the one that illustrates "Joseph being sold by his brothers to the Ishmaelites." It dates from the first third of the sixteenth century and has the rich and wide border characteristic of the period. Among the Gobelins, are two eighteenth century reproductions from the famous Renaissance "Months of Lucas" both signed by the master weaver AVDRAN,

and both with eighteenth century woven-gilt-frame borders instead of the original Renaissance ones. But the Gobelin that will undoubtedly hold longest the attention of most visitors, is one picturing the Chateau de Chambord, from the famous Louis XIV series of twelve entitled the "Royal Residences," each corresponding to one of the months. The example shown is more interesting in composition than any of those in the French National Collection, and has an unusually attractive border. The series was designed by Charles Lebrun, and during the life of the Sun King was reproduced on the looms more frequently than any other set.

Coincident with the exhibition and illustrative of it, are lectures by Mr. Hunter, the next being with lantern illustrations, on the evening of Nov. 12, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on "Tapestries vs. Paintings"; and the last, a lecture promenade at the Avery Library, on the afternoon of Nov. 19, at 4.15 p. m.